THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has reported that the following decisions were taken or directions were given by it in respect of the four industrial companies of Kerala whose references under section 15 of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 were registered with the Board from January to October, 1991:

	Name of the Company	*Decision taken Direction given*
1.	Veneers & Laminations (I) Ltd. Perumanoor P.O. Cochin-682015	Declared sick and operating agency appointed.
2.	Premier Cables Co. Ltd. MG Road, Ernakulam	-do-
3.	Toshiba Anand Batteries Ltd. MG Road Ernakulam	-do-
4.	T.K. Chemicals Ltd. Trivandrum	Hearing fixed for 11.12.91, postponed to 28.1.92.

[*Translation*]

Sale of Cut Pieces by NTC in Bihar

3781. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 6444 on April 25, 1990 and state:

(a) whether cut pieces are proposed to be supplied in adequate quantity through the sale depots of National Textile Corporation situated in Bihar to small readymade garments manufactures;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Cut pieces are not supplied by NTC through Depots as matter of policy. However, the small readymade garments manufacturers can approach NTC mills, who will be willing to consider each such case on merits and as per policy guidelines laid down in this regard.

[*English*]

Marketing Support for Precious Stones of Orissa

3782. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide marketing support to the precious stones found in abundance in Bolangir and Kalahandi districts of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). Government

does not directly provide marketing support. However, this is done by the Gam & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) with the financial support from Marketing Development Assistance of Ministry of Commerce through organising fairs, exhibitions, seminars, Buyer-Seller meets, etc.

Saurashtra Kutch stock exchange

3783. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Saurashtra, Kutch Stock Exchange Rajkot (Gujarat) is a registered and recognised body;

(b) if so, when it was registered and recognised;

(c) the names of its members;

(d) whether the Government have received any complaints against the Stock Exchange;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(f) whether the above Stock Exchange as started its trading activities; and

(g) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Exchange was incorporated under the Companies Act 1956 on 28 July, 1989. It was granted recognition by this Ministry on 10th July, 1989.

(c) This Ministry does not maintain the names of members of Stock Exchanges. The list of members of Stock Exchanges is available in the Stock Exchanges and is generally published by the concerned Stock Exchanges.

(d) to (g). Some complaints have been received against Saurashtra Kutch Stock Exchange. Broadly, these related to allegations of malpractices in the formation of the Exchange and selection of members. the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad has recently passed an order that the Stock Exchange would start functioning with those persons as members, who had secured, according to the norms laid down by the Screening Committee, 50 or more than 50 marks under the three heads, viz. Education, Financial Position and Experience. Further, the Exchange shall not permit others to act as members till further orders are passed by the Court. In pursuance of the Court orders, Exchange has commenced trading in securities with effect from 29th October, 1991. The Exchange has informed that matters relating to its Formation and membership are sub-judice.

Projects Undertaken by MPEDA in Maharashtra

3784. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the projects undertaken by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) in Maharashtra, district-wise;

(b) the details of financial assistance provided to individuals and co-operative societies in each district for the development of acquaculture during the last three years;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up a training institute in acquaculture in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?